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TO:	All Sponsors of National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools	ISSUE DATE: June 2000
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors	
FROM:	Nutrition Program Management Unit	
SUBJECT:	State Meal Mandate Clarification for Saturday School Days	
REFERENCE:	California Education Code Sections 37223, 49550 and 49552; Management Bulletin 00-101	

This management bulletin clarifies existing guidance regarding the State Meal Mandate, California Education Code Section (ECS) 49550, as it applies to Saturday school days.

ECS 49550 requires that “. . . each school district and county superintendent of schools maintaining any kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 12 shall . . . provide for each needy pupil enrolled therein, one nutritionally adequate free or reduced-price meal during each schoolday” A needy child is defined in ECS 49552 as one meeting federal eligibility criteria for free or reduced price meals.

ECS 49550 requires that districts or county superintendents provide meals for needy pupils on any school day, including weekends, when ADA may be claimed. Minimum requirements for ADA are 180 minutes for kindergarten classes, 230 minutes for grades 1-3, and 240 minutes for grades 4-12.

Districts and county offices unable to comply with ECS 49550 must submit a waiver request, approved by the local governing board, to the California Department of Education (CDE). Management Bulletin 00-101 (issued February 2000) contains waiver guidelines and forms.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting your regional program analyst at (916) 445-0850 or by contacting Laura Gidding, Program Analyst, Nutrition Program Management Unit, at (916) 324-6153, (800) 952-5609, or lgidding@cde.ca.gov.

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